Rao Bahadur C. Natesa Mudaliyar :—" I want the Government to inquire whether there was any communication received in the office of the Commissioner of Police from the Judge who tried the case."

The hon. Mr. C. P. Ramaswami Ayyar :—" I refuse to believe that any Judge of the High Court sent a private communication to the Commissioner of Police on such a topic. The Government would be astounded to know if a Judge of the High Court had issued a certificate adverting to the action of the police."

Rao Bahadur C. Natesa Mudaliyar :—" Is it not usual that the head of the department might appreciate something in the subordinates without consulting the Government, and should he not consult the Government whenever he wants to appreciate his subordinates ? "

The hon. Mr. C. P. Ramaswami Ayyar :—" Not at all."

Government Press.

Appointments in the Government Press.

* 10 Q.—Mr. R. Veerian : Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) how many were employed castewar in the Linotype branch and in the Confidential branch of the headquarter Government Press of Madras since 24th November 1922 to 24th November 1924 ;

(b) how many applications were received castewar for appointments in the various branches of the Government Press of Madras during the past two years, i.e., 24th November 1922 to 24th November 1924 ; and

(c) how many of them were appointed castewar since 24th November 1922 to 24th November 1924 ?

A.—It would take considerable time and trouble to collect the information asked for, and the Government do not think that it would serve any useful purpose.

Mr. R. Veerian :—" With reference to clauses (b) and (c) of the question, I want to know whether it is not possible for the Government to find out at least how many applications were received from the members of the depressed classes and how many people were appointed since 1922 up to November 1924 "

The hon. Mr. R. A. Graham :—" If my hon. Friend will give me some idea as to what useful purpose will be served by obtaining the information he asks for, I will see what can be done to meet his desire."

Mr. R. Veerian :—" It is for the purpose of making sure whether the depressed classes are being encouraged. With that view I put the question."

Finance.

Effect of the proposals of the Lee Commission on the Madras Government.

* 11 Q.—Mr. J. A. Saldanha : Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state the approximate effect on the Madras Government finances of the decision of His Majesty's Government on the Lee Commission's report for the years 1924-25, 1925-26 and 1926-27 ?

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Rao Bahadur CRUZ FERNANDEZ :—" Will the Government be pleased to call for the information asked for in clause (*b*) of the question ? "

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—" I understand the hon. Member to ask whether the Government will call for information as to whether vernacular copies of the rules have ceased to be published in the district gazette. I have no objection to call for the information."

Survey.

Town surveyors in municipalities.

*17 *Q.*—Mr. R. VEERIAN : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state what arrangements have been made by the Government to supervise the work of the town surveyors in municipalities consequent on the abolition of the posts of land records inspecting officers ?

A.—Provision will be made in the Budget for 1925–26 for officers to perform these as well as other necessary duties connected with maintenance of survey.

Local Boards and Municipal Councils.

Dindigul Municipal Council.

*18 *Q.*—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware of the strong public feeling against the action of the Government in withdrawing the right of electing its chairman from the Dindigul Municipal Council ; and

(*b*) whether the Government propose to reconsider the matter and, if not, why not ?

A.—(*a*) The Government are aware that in certain quarters there is a certain amount of feeling against the withdrawal of the elective privilege.

(*b*) The Government will be prepared to restore the elective privilege to the Council as soon as they are satisfied that its affairs are put in order.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I ask whether anything has happened since the answer to the question was drafted ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" Nothing has happened."

The proposal of the Salem Municipal Council for the construction of a park.

*19 *Q.*—Mr. R. VEERIAN : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal now by the Salem Municipal Council to acquire the houses of the depressed classes who are living at Mulluvadi municipal area for the purpose of making a park ;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that no arrangements were made to provide the depressed classes with houses on sanitary principle within the municipal area in a suitable locality together with school, latrines, water, play-ground and other facilities before actually evicting the depressed classes ;